

BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

MINUTES OF MEETING

April 10, 2012

Open Session

The Open Session of the Board of Physical Therapy was called to order at 8:45 am on the above date in Room 104, Cannon Building, Rhode Island Department of Health, Three Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Open Meeting Law, so called, and other applicable provisions of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, as amended. A quorum was established.

Board members in attendance: Board members not in attendance:

Michael Noonan Laurie Scripsack

Donald Levine

Renee C. Van Couyghen Staff members in attendance:

Carol Sepe J. Michel Martineau

Carl C. DiRobbio, MD

Members discussed the need to consider extending the Grad Status period beyond 90 days; this is related to the new schedule of 3 fixed dates for national exams. A member views it as favorable that even if Grad Status period is extended, graduates who fail the exam will have their Grad Status revoked. A motion to extend the Grad Status period

to 180 days is made by Dr. Donald Levine, seconded by Carol Sepe; it was unanimously voted to pass.

Board members inquire as to the response from area colleges to the board request for contact info that we may share with recent grads that are experiencing difficulties passing the national exam. The administrator notes that URI has responded, but despite numerous contacts with NE Tech, they have not yet provided the name of a NE Tech staff person to serve as a contact person. A board member advises they will contact a colleague at NE Tech to seek this information. Board members direct the administrator to also contact CCRI for the same information.

Board members review a request from Ms. Nicole Andrews seeking CE authorization for a course. Board members determine that we direct Ms. Andrews to contact RI APTA and seek their approval. Since RI APTA is a preauthorized group, their approval would address this program.

Board members review an inquiry from Mr. Charles Steiner of the Marwood Group. Board members advise it is allowed that a physician own a PT practice, as well as a physician may employ a PT. Also, a patient may directly seek therapy with a PT, but within ninety (90) days the patient must be referred to a physician.

Board members review an inquiry referencing a PTA in the Home

Care setting. Board members note multiple references to situations that occur in a period of less than 30 days. Members note the governing language as noted in the regs (section 8.1.5a). Board members indicate since the practice is less than 30 days there is no problem.

The minutes of the open session held on February 14, 2012 were presented. A motion to accept the Minutes as presented was made by Dr. Levine, seconded by Carol Sepe; it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes. The minutes of the closed session held on February 14, 2012 were presented. On motion by Dr. Levine, seconded by Carol Sepe, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes.

Adjournment to Executive Session

On motion of Carol Sepe, seconded by Dr. Levine, it was unanimously voted to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(1) of the Rhode Island General Laws, as Amended, in that confidential issues of fitness for licensure and investigative cases will be discussed. The Open Session adjourned at 9:20 am.

Return to Open Session

The Open Session was called back to order at 10:55 am. On motion of Michael Noonan, seconded by Dr. Levine, it was unanimously voted to keep confidential all matters discussed in Closed Session and to seal those minutes inasmuch as fitness for licensure and

ongoing disciplinary matters were addressed.

Adjournment

Having no further business, on motion of Dr. DiRobbio, seconded by Carol Sepe, it was unanimously voted to adjourn. The Open Session of the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 am.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Michel Martineau

Administrator, Health Professions